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SUBJECT: MANDATORY EXCEPTIONS; POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL OVERRIDES

REF: (A) STATE 181660; (B) STATE 169891

1. REFTEL A PROVIDED TSUS AND TSUSA NUMBERS OF U.S. MANDATORY EXCEPTIONS. THE QUESTION AROSE AT US/EC TIDE-WATER BILATERAL WHEN EC DEL REQUESTED, AND U.S. DEL PROMISED TO SUPPLY, A DEFINITIVE LIST OF U.S. MANDATORY EXCEPTIONS (REF B). REFTEL A FURTHER NOTED DESIRABILITY OF PROVIDING ACCURATE DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE TSUS/TSUSA ITEMS INVOLVED AND PROMISED MAILING USMTN DEL A COMPLETE LIST OF MANDATORIES WITH LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS. SO FAR, NO SUCH DOCUMENT HAS ARRIVED.

2. USMTN DEL IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE COSMETIC EFFECT OF PROVIDING FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS. WE CONSIDERED
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BRACKETING MANDATORY EXCEPTIONS AS THEY APPEAR ON RELEVANT TSUSA PAGES, BUT FOUND THAT A COMPLETE SET OF BRACKETED PAGES (INCLUDING RELEVANT HEADNOTES, EXPLANATIONS, AND NECESSARY SCHEDULE 9 MATERIAL) CAUSED THAT PRESENTATIONAL PROBLEM OF MAKING U.S. MANDATORIES APPEAR EXTENSIVE RATHER THAN MODEST. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE PROVIDING EC, AND ANY OTHER DELEGATION THAT MIGHT REQUEST

THIS INFORMATION, SUGGESTED TEXT INCLUDED IN REFTEL A, PARA 2, WITH THE NOTATION "FOR FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES LISTED ABOVE CONSULT THE TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES ANNOTATED, 1976. THE U.S. MTN DEL WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING SPECIFIC ARTICLES COVERED."

3. APART FROM MANDATORY EXCEPTIONS, U.S. MTN DEL HAS BEEN TRYING TO KEEP TRACK OF POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL OVERRIDES OF THE PRESIDENT'S IMPORT RELIEF DECISIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHEN THE "90 DAY PERIOD" AS COMPUTED UNDER TRADE ACT SECTION 154(B) HAS EXPIRED. ON OUR CHARTS WE ARE STILL SHOWING OVERRIDES AS AT LEAST THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE ON TA-201-16 SUGAR, TA-201-17 MUSHROOMS, TA-201-18, FOOTWEAR, AND TA-201-19 COLOR TV APPARATUS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF THE LANGUAGE ON MANDATORY EXCEPTIONS, AND EITHER THE DATE THE OVER-RIDE EXPRIED, OR THE ESTIMATED OVERRIDE EXPIRATION DATE FOR IMPORT RELIEF DECISIONS MENTIONED ABOVE. CULBERT

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